



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

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Docket No: 7682-00
5 December 2000

MR [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552. You requested that both your reenlistment code of RE-4 (not eligible for reenlistment without prior approval of the Chief of Naval Personnel) and your reason for discharge be changed. You submitted a letter from a medical psychotherapist to show that you were not properly diagnosed by Navy mental health authorities.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 30 November 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board found your naval record shows that you entered active duty on 17 February 2000; that you were discharged on 25 May 2000 by reason of erroneous entry (other); that you were processed for separation because you had been diagnosed with a schizoid personality disorder; that you received an entry level separation (ELS), meaning that you were discharged within 180 days of your entry on active duty; and that you received the RE-4 code, which was appropriate for an ELS. The medical psychotherapist's statement did not persuade them that you were improperly diagnosed. In this connection, they did not consider the Navy doctor's reference to you as a "female" recruit to be a material error. They further noted that many of the objections raised in your psychotherapist's statement were based on your unsubstantiated representations to him. In view of the above, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director